

LOVE-MAD SLAYER HUNTED BY POSSES

Sister of Slain Farmer
Saved from Death Axe
by Her Plea.

EMPLOYEE KILLED, THEN FLED, SHE SAYS

Murderer Believe To Be Hiding
Near Huntington, L. I., Where
the Crime Occurred.

Huntington, Long Island, April 15.—A dozen posses under the direction of Sheriff A. W. Biggs and Constable William Sammis were still scouring the countryside to-night after an eighteen-hour search for the murderer of Frank Sammis.

Frank Fowler, employed by the slain farmer, is missing. It is understood he was an unsuccessful suitor for the hand of Mr. Sammis's sister.

Fowler slept in a second floor room of the Sammis residence, which is between Huntington and Greenlawn.

According to one story told the authorities Fowler entered the room of Miss Nellie Sammis, the sister of the murdered man, late last night, bearing an axe.

"Who's there?" cried Miss Sammis. "I've just killed Frank upstairs," she alleges Fowler said, "and I'm going to kill you now unless you elope with me."

He advanced toward her bed and raised the weapon, the woman says. Then she pleaded with him and he went away.

At the sound of the closing door Miss Sammis leaped from her bed and ran to her brother's room. His body lay on the floor.

Mrs. Mary Smith, her sister, whose room is on the ground floor, was aroused by Miss Sammis's screams. She hastened to give the alarm.

Mr. Sammis mortgaged his farm for \$2,000 several months ago. His sisters believe that he deposited the money in a bank and that the slayer knew no money was concealed in the house. He made no search for money or valuables.

Fowler's mother is the wife of a hotel keeper at Port Jefferson, and he has a brother in Garden City. Messages have been dispatched to both places warning the police to keep a sharp watch for the fugitive. It is believed, however, that Fowler is still somewhere in the neighborhood.

It is expected that at the inquest, to be held to-morrow or Friday, Coroner Gibson will go deeply into the attention paid by Fowler to Miss Sammis.

SIEGEL AND VOGEL MOVE FOR DELAY

Stand on Pleas of Not Guilty—
Plan to Fight the
Indictments.

Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel have elected to stand on their pleas of not guilty to the fourteen indictments charging grand larceny filed against them. The time for changing pleas elapsed yesterday. Their next move will be to demur to the indictments.

Lawyers familiar with the case yesterday said that the opportunity to gain much delay by this method was a good one, because of the large number of transactions complained of and the volume of data carried in each indictment.

The bulk of this information was supplied by accountants, and the possibilities of errors made in the hurry with which much of the work was done offers a fruitful field.

In almost one thousand seven hundred printed pages there is also the chance of the misspelling of a word or two, and there is no lawyer who would object to a client's pleading to jail on an indictment that might contain an error in grammar.

Henry Melville, receiver for the bank of Henry Siegel & Co., said yesterday that three thousand five hundred, or about one half of the total number of claims it was expected would be filed, had been received. Some difficulty is being experienced with depositors who decline to surrender their books that their claims may be adjusted, even though they get receipts, and the court has ordered the books to be returned in each case.

"So many of these poor people have been buncoed," said Mr. Melville's representative yesterday, "that they fear to even enter the court. I do not know that I can blame them either."

BROTHER'S PLEA TOUCHES COURT

Sentence of Policy King's Nephew
Moderated When His Life
Story Is Told.

Lorenzo B. Adams, nephew and business associate of the late "Al" Adams, the policy king, was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months' imprisonment on Blackwell's Island by Judge Thomas, in the Federal District Court yesterday, after he pleaded guilty to an indictment charging use of the mails to conduct an investment scheme which the postoffice inspectors declared netted him \$200,000 in the last five years.

Charles P. Adams, prosecutor of Lorain County, Ohio, a brother of the defendant, pleaded with Judge Thomas for leniency. He said that Lorenzo went to work when he was eleven years old to support his mother and younger brothers and sisters. He said he owed his career as a lawyer to his brother, who sent him to college and through a law school. The court said he would have imposed a longer sentence had it not been for this plea. The defendant was prominently identified with the Presbyterian Church of Massapequa, Long Island.

Harry Jackson, the young secretary to Adams, who perjured himself trying to clear his employer and was trapped by means of a detectaphone, got off with a suspended sentence.

MRS. LILLIAN N. DUKE.



MRS. DUKE'S BLACKMAIL PLOT CHARGE HALTS PENCE DIVORCE

Attorney's Wife Ordered to Show Cause Why Suit
Naming Ex-Spouse of Tobacco Baron Should
Not Be Dropped—Jail Threats Made.

Justice Scudder, sitting yesterday in the Supreme Court, Kings County, signed an order, returnable to-day, requiring Mrs. Katherine Pence to show cause why the divorce proceedings which she has instituted against Lafayette Pence, her husband, and in which she has named as correspondent Mrs. Lillian N. Duke, divorced wife of James B. Duke, the tobacco merchant, should not be dropped.

The judge's action followed a deposition made by Mrs. Duke, claiming that she "would prove in the trial that the plaintiff is a vicious woman, associated with vicious characters, and that her only object in naming the defendant as correspondent is for purposes of blackmailing her and extorting money from her," and that she (Mrs. Duke) was wholly innocent.

Mrs. Pence began action for divorce in November, 1911, without, however, specifying any as correspondent. She accused her husband of infidelities in Colorado, Washington and New York with unidentified women.

On June 12, 1913, she drew up a complaint in a suit for separation, charging extreme cruelty and abandonment. The suit, according to Benjamin F. Spellman,

attorney for Mr. Pence at the time, was never filed. Mrs. Pence declared that she had had her husband watched for two years and that she had learned he had been friendly with Mrs. Duke.

Mr. Spellman said last night that she had at the time threatened to sue Mrs. Duke for the alienation of her husband's affections.

So great was the damage which Michael Pence, the law firm to which Mr. Pence belonged, suffered from the attacks made on his character by his wife that the firm exacted from her a promise of silence; his breaking was to be followed by his retirement. He retired.

Mrs. Pence had not, as was said, specified the correspondent in her original suit. Mrs. Duke, according to her lawyer, had no idea that she was to be named.

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PRISONERS PUT OUT REFORMATORY FIRE

About 800 Men and Boys
on Hart's Island Cope
with Flames.

FIREMEN COULDN'T CROSS THE SOUND

Old Office Building Razed, While
Wind Aids in Saving
New Structure.

Four hundred boys, prisoners at the reformatory, and as many men in the branch workhouse fought a fire which destroyed the old office building on Hart's Island yesterday afternoon.

The blaze started from some unknown cause and spread rapidly. For a while there was some anxiety as to the safety of the new administration building, about 100 feet distant. But a strong wind turned the flames in the opposite direction.

Excitement was greatly increased when it was seen that the volunteer firemen could not cope with the outbreak, and the discovery was then made that police and firemen could not get over from City Island, and two miles across the Sound, because of the rough sea. The police put out in small launches and were forced to turn back.

Engine Company 70 lifted its apparatus onto a Correction Department tug at Belden Point and got across. The fireboat George B. McClellan was also called from off East 9th st. and a police patrol boat hurried up from the Battery.

By the time this help arrived the old building was practically razed and there was no thing to do. Had the wind changed the big reformatory would have been in serious peril. As it was the walls were blistered and the occupants shouted to be let out.

When the blaze was discovered Superintendent Martin J. Moore sounded the fire alarm in the reformatory and lined up the lads. Warden John J. Murtha brought men over from the branch workhouse. The rest of the occupants were held ready for emergencies, and none made any attempt to escape.

Dr. Katharine B. Davis, Commissioner of Correction, having made inquiries by telephone, did not go to the island. She said: "I understand from the report made to me that it was a very small affair. The only loss was the old offices, and as they were in process of demolition the loss is only that of the lumber. I am told all the inmates behaved themselves very well. Some of them worked three lines of hose and none gave any trouble."

STEAD BUST UNVEILED

Memory of Writer Drowned in
Titanic Honored at The Hague.

The Hague, April 15.—Solemn ceremonies marked the unveiling to-day in the Palace of Peace of the bust of the late William T. Stead, the English writer and pacifist who was a victim of the Titanic disaster two years ago. There was a distinguished audience of pacifists and diplomats, representing many countries.

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GRAVEL AND STONE GRAFT EVIDENCE

District Attorney Tries to
Clinch Testimony in
Road Case.

JURY EXAMINES SAND USED BY BUILDERS

Defendants Attempt to Discredit
Statements Made by Joseph
A. Curran.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.]

Riverhead, Long Island, April 15.—District Attorney Green attempted to clinch the testimony in the trial of the Suffolk Contracting Company, which is charged with a road graft conspiracy. He placed in evidence exhibits in the form of gravel, stone and sand dug from the Patchogue-Coram Road.

The contents of eleven bags of material was examined by the jury and by the four witnesses for the defense. Some of the stones in the assortment were almost as large as a man's head. Thirty-six photographs, showing all details of construction, were introduced in evidence. They revealed a pavement depth of 2 1/2 inches.

Testimony by Joseph A. Curran, Henry P. Morrison, Charles M. Hilton, A. R. Applegar and Franklin F. Overton, who examined the road, was thus substantiated.

Curran declared that he, in company with Morrison and Hilton, made openings in the road last November and found the average depth of pavement to be 4 1/2 inches, while the width averaged 15 feet 3 inches. Last week another examination revealed similar conditions, the average depth being 3 3/4 inches and the width 14 1/2 feet. The specifications called for pavement 6 inches in depth and a roadbed 16 feet wide.

Counsel for the defense attacked Curran's credibility and submitted him to a severe cross-examination. The fact that charges are now pending against him before the State Civil Service Commission was not permitted to come before the jury. The charges allege that Curran swore falsely to application papers when he took the examination for the position

of Superintendent of Maintenance of the State Highway Department.

He admitted he had been suspended by the Board of Education of the City of New York from a clerkship in 1908. Justice Kapper would not permit him to answer why. Counsel for the defense endeavored to show that charges were preferred for deceit and falsehood.

Professor C. E. Morrison, formerly connected with Columbia University, and an authority on road building, will be the principal witness for the defense.

The state finished its case this evening, and to-morrow morning the defense will begin. It was about 8:30 o'clock when the last witness had been examined for the state, and then the jurymen made an unusual request of Justice Kapper. They asked permission to go to the "movies."

They explained that they had been locked up for two nights, and had not been able to have any kind of amusement and they believed the "movies" would have a beneficial effect upon them.

"I'm afraid, gentlemen, you'll need a boat to get very far this evening," said Justice Kapper, in granting the request.

GRAND JURY URGES ACTION

Alleges Wanamaker Irregularities
Unknown at Settlement.

Philadelphia, April 15.—An investigation by a federal grand jury of alleged customs frauds was completed here to-day, when the jury reported to the United States District Court that "the investigation has concerned importations made by 'Wanamakers' during more than thirteen years, both in personal merchandise cases and in so-called sample cases."

The report states that "In March, 1913, Wanamaker paid the government \$100,000 in settlement of the civil claim for unpaid duties arising from the irregularities concerning importations of merchandise," but that alleged irregularities concerning importations of personal goods were unknown to the government at the time of settlement, and therefore the jury recommends that the government proceed to recover.

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TWO DIE AS BARGE DRAGS TUG UNDER

Runs Over Hawser in Squall on
Raritan Bay—Seven Are
Barely Rescued.

South Amboy, N. J., April 15.—Two men were drowned and seven rescued with difficulty this afternoon when the tug Arles, of the Thames Towing Company, of New London, Conn., was sunk while towing a coal barge in a heavy squall in Raritan Bay.

The tug, with the barge Pequot in tow, was rounding the lighthouse in the middle of the bay in an attempt to get from Perth Amboy to South Amboy. Running head on into the wind, the captain of the tug sought to swing about. The tug turned and got into the trough of the sea, with the heavy wind on her beam. The barge, still facing into the gale, but being driven backward by its force, exerted a pull of such strength on the short tow line that the tug was capsize as it rolled between the waves.

The disaster was seen by the crew of the oyster dredge A. F. Merrill, which put out and took seven members of the crew off the Arles.

Because of the heavy sea Captain George W. Hallyburton of the Arles was towing the Pequot with a short hawser. A puff of wind struck the barge, sheering her off, and in the recoil she ran up on the Arles and over the hawser, literally dragging the tug under water.

The two sailors who were drowned were George Marsdale, a fireman, of Stafford Springs, Mass., and Wallace Hodges, a deckhand, of New London, Conn. One other sailor, William Grismond, of New London, Conn., was scalded when the tug's boiler burst.

AMUSEMENTS.

THESE THEATRES HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH THE TYSON CO. BEST SEATS CAN BE OBTAINED AT BOX OFFICES.

EMPIRE B'way and 40th St. Evs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. LAST 3 WEEKS. MAUDE ADAMS, THE LEGEND TO-AY LAST 10 SPECIAL MATINEES. MAUDE ADAMS IN PETER PAN Friday Mat. (Begins at 3) for Benefit of Teachers & School Children. 45 St., nr. B'way. Evs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. LYCEUM BILLIE BURKE comedy. 43d St., W. of B'way. Evs. 8:20. Mat. Wed. (Pop.) & Sat. 2:30. MISS ANGLIN WINDERMERE'S FAN. "A Treat Not to Be Missed."—Eve. Journal. 44th St., nr. B'way. Evs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. (Pop.) & Sat. 2:30. FULTON LAST 3 WEEKS—THE MISLEADING LADY. GEO. COHAN'S By and 43d St. Evs. 8:15. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2:15. POTASH & PERLMUTTER. Spec'l Mat. Actors' Fund Day, Tom'w (Fri.). KICKERBUCKER. By and 58 St. Evs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. JULIAN ELTINGE In His Great Success. Spec'l Mat. Actors' Fund Day, Tom'w (Fri.). GRAND OPERA H. 25c. to \$1. Mat. Sat. 2:30. "THE LITTLE CAFE" Original Production. Nat. Mon., Mabel & Edith TALIAFERRO.

NEW AMSTERDAM Henry W. Savage offers "A Masterpiece of Melodrama" SARI Strikes the Top Note of Operetta. Evs. 8:20. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. Spec'l Mat. Actors' Fund Day, Tom'w (Fri.). HUDSON 44 St., E. of B'way. Evs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. THE A TESTEST DUMMY "Had the audience laughing for two and a half hours."—Herald. B'way 40th St. Evs. at 8:30. Mat. Wed. (Pop.) & Sat. 2:30. GAITHER COHAN'S BEST PLAY "BALDHEAD" (Thriller) Spec'l Mat. Actors' Fund Day, Tom'w (Fri.). GARRICK 38th St., of B'way. Evs. 8:15. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2:15. A Detective Play with a Love Story. THE GOVERNOR'S BOSS JAMES H. HARRIS 43d St., W. of B'way. Evs. 8:25. Mat. To-day & Sat. at 2:20. THE RULE OF 3 Spec'l Mat. Actors' Fund Day, Tom'w (Fri.). BELASCO W. 44 St. Evs. 8:20. LAST 3 WEEKS. FRANCES STARR SECRET WALLACK'S B'way, 30th St. Evs. 8:30. LAST 3 WEEKS. CYRIL MAUDE English actor, in the tremendously successful comedy drama GRUMPY. Spec'l Mat. Actors' Fund Day, Tom'w (Fri.).

COHAN & ASTOR B'way, 40th St. Evs. 8:20. "Will test laugh and melodrama."—World. COHAN & HARRIS present RAYMOND HITCHCOCK IN HIS NEW MUSICAL PLAY "THE BEAUTY SHOP" Spec'l Mat. Actors' Fund Day, Tom'w (Fri.). ELTINGE 42d St., W. of B'way. Evs. 8:15. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2:15. THE YELLOW TICKET Spec'l Mat. Actors' Fund Day, Tom'w (Fri.). H. M. PRAZER'S 45TH ST. JUST W. OF B'WAY. Evs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. LONGACRE THE LADIES OF THE CENTURY. A PAIR OF SIXES

LAST 3 DAYS. Barnum & Bailey. Final Chance to See the Great Children's Spectacle—"THE WIZARD PRINCE & ARABIA"—AND THE BIGGEST CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE EVER DISPLAYED IN MADISON SQ. GARDEN. Admission to 25c & 50c. Reserved Seats, Everything. Private box seats, \$2.50. Children 10 to 19 price 5c. Box office open Daily, 9 to 9.

SEATS NOW ON SALE FOR ACTORS' FUND DAY TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) In Aid of the ACTORS' FUND. SPECIAL BENEFIT MATINEES OF THE REIGNING HITS AT THESE NEW YORK THEATRES. Wallack's, New Amsterdam, Astor, Gaiety, Comedy, Maxine Elliott, Eltinge, Harris, 45 St., Princess, Booth, Knickerbocker, Fulton, Murray Hill, Hudson, Columbia, Minner's Bronx, Hurler & Seamon's, Miner's People's.

B. F. KEITH'S NEW YORK THEATRES COLONIAL Joseph Sawyer & John Jarrott, "The Bride Shop," Nellie V. Daily Mat. 2c. (Nichols, Vank Schenck, etc.). MR. & MRS. CARTER DE HAVEN, LINA ABBARAO, FRANK ROONEY & BERT. B'way & 47th St. SEBASTIAN & BENT. 2009 Mat. Seats, 50c. LEY and NAT M. WILIS.

JARDIN D'ANSE 8:30 to CLOSING. Mat. Tues. 8:30 to 8:30 P. M. Carlos Sebastian & Dorothy Bentley, Leroy & Mone, Marvel & Delite, & others.

STRAND 8:30 to 4:30 P. M. CONTINUED TO MIDN. WILLIAM FARNUM IN THE SPOILERS. Mat. Tues. 8:30 to 8:30 P. M. Carlos Sebastian & Dorothy Bentley, Leroy & Mone, Marvel & Delite, & others.

VITAGRAPH B'way & 44th St. MR. BARNES OF NEW YORK—6 Reels. LOVE, LUCK, & GABOLENE—3 Reels. THE NEW STENOGRAPHER—Eve. Only.

IRVING PLACE THEATRE To-night, ZAPPENSTEIN. Fri. Sat. Ev. De. Duert Frankfurter. Mat. "Joral."

COLUMBIA B'way & 43rd St. Billy W. Watson—Girls from Happyland. Spec'l Mat. Actors' Fund Day, Tom'w (Fri.).

HAMMERSTEIN'S Harry Fox & Yancor. Roberta Menzies, Invol. Grace Van Strud. "THE DAUGHTERS OF MEN." Mat. Tues. 8:30 to 8:30 P. M. Carlos Sebastian & Dorothy Bentley, Leroy & Mone, Marvel & Delite, & others.

PROCTOR'S 5TH AVE. To-day, Fri. & Sat. 11 to 11 Daily.